

extensively in the province of Tochigi, about 100 miles north of Yokohama. The slender tall stalks produce a fiber somewhat finer than the average Kentucky hemp. Although this is one of the most promising strains of foreign hems it is not likely to give satisfactory results in this country until after it has been acclimated by cultivation and selection two or three generations." (L. H. Dewey.)

*Capsicum annuum* L. (Solanaceae.) 42070-42071. Seeds of two varieties of Chile pepper from State College, New Mexico. Presented by Mr. Fabian Garcia, New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts. These were procured on account of their being very prolific and early strains.

*Capsicum annuum* L. (Solanaceae.) 42074. Seeds of red pepper from Barcelona, Spain. Presented by Mr. Carl Bailey Hurst, American Consul General. "Spanish sweet pepper known to Spanish agriculture and industry as *Pimiento dulce morron*." (Hurst.)

*Cassia siamea* Lam. (Caesalpiniaceae.) 42362. Seeds of Madagascar. Presented by Mr. Eugene Jaeglé, Director, Agricultural Station of Ivoloina near Tamatave, through Mr. James G. Carter, American Consul. A valuable, medium-sized shade tree, having pinnately compound leaves and oblong, medium sized leaflets. It is decidedly ornamental on account of its erect, terminal panicles of yellow flowers and elongated flat pods. It is commonly cultivated in the Philippines and has done remarkably well in Cuba. The wood is considered of value for house columns and in the making of furniture. (Adapted from De Lanessan, *Plantes Utiles Des Colonies Francaises*, and Catalogue of Manila City Nursery.)

*Cercidiphyllum japonicum* Sieb. & Zucc. (Trochodendra-ceae.) 42067. A hardy ornamental shrubby tree of pyramidal and when young, almost fastigiate habit, with handsome light green foliage, purplish when unfolding, turning bright yellow or partially scarlet in fall. It prefers rich and moist soil, and grows rapidly when young. A recently introduced Chinese variety, var. *sinense* Rehd. & Wilson, is perhaps still more desirable than the type. It is the largest of all broad-leaved trees known from China, the trunk is sometimes free of branches for nearly 50 feet above the ground, and attains to 25 feet or exceptionally to 55 feet in girth. (Adapted from Bailey, *Standard Cyclo-pedia*.) This gorgeous tree introduced from Japan by Col. Clarke who went to Sapporo for the Japanese Department of Agriculture deserves to be much more widely planted than it is. Its pink leaves are beautiful in Spring and in Autumn turn a wonderful yellow color. The trunk should be protected from the sun as much as possible. Likes moist ground. Perfectly hardy in the Arnold Arboretum at Boston.